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House Policy Committee Announces New Chairmen *New Role for Policy Advisory Board Complements Subcommittees*

WASHINGTON (Monday, March 26, 2001)—House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and Policy Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) today announced the chairmen, membership, and jurisdiction of seven subcommittees to meet the challenges of the 107th Congress.

The House Policy Committee is the Majority's principal forum for discussion of specific legislative initiatives, for the enunciation of official priorities, and for the resolution of inter-jurisdictional policy disputes. The new subcommittees, which the Policy Committee and the House Leadership have refined during the past two months, will be:

The Americas

Chairman Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.)

Biotechnology, Telecommunications, and Information Technology

Chairman Jerry Weller (R-Ill.)

Environment, Resources, and Agriculture

Chairman Doug Ose (R-Calif.)

Health

Chairman Ernie Fletcher (R-Ky.)

National Security and Foreign Affairs

Chairman Heather Wilson (R-NM)

Political, Educational, and Legal Reform

Chairman David Vitter (R-La.)

Retirement Security, Capital Markets, and Tax Policy

Chairman John Sununu (R-NH)

The jurisdiction and membership of the new subcommittees is as follows:

The Americas: Relations between the United States and the other nations of North and South America, including trade, immigration, economic and social policy, environmental policy, law enforcement, drug policy, national security policy, and foreign policy generally.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart,
Chairman
Ander Crenshaw
Tom Davis
Tom DeLay
David Dreier

Benjamin Gilman
Henry Hyde
Brian Kerns
Floyd Spence
Cliff Stearns
Todd Tiahrt

Jerry Weller
Roger Wicker
Heather Wilson
Bill Young

Biotechnology, Telecommunications, and Information Technology: Biomedical research, development, and technology; telecommunications, the Internet, and information technology; intellectual property; astronomical research and development; scientific research and development, and the activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation; activities of the Federal Communications Commission; activities of the Food and Drug Administration; activities of the Federal Trade Commission.

Jerry Weller,
Chairman
Barbara Cubin
Tom Davis
David Dreier
Ernie Fletcher

Vito Fossella
Bob Goodlatte
Felix Grucci
Darrell Issa
Deborah Pryce
Nick Smith

Cliff Stearns
John Sununu
Billy Tauzin
Dave Weldon

Environment, Resources, and Agriculture: Protection of the United States and global environment; clean air and water; wildlife and endangered species protection; conservation; national parks, nature preserves, monuments, and federally protected lands; fisheries and wildlife; public lands generally; environmental research; activities of the Environmental Protection Agency; activities of the Department of Interior; environmental protection activities of the Department of Commerce; agriculture policy; activities of the Department of Agriculture; forestry; oil and gas; water policy; mineral resources and mining; marine affairs and oceanography; food safety, nutrition, and rural development; exploration, production, marketing, regulation, and conservation of all forms of energy and power, and national energy policy; non-national security activities of the Department of Energy; activities of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; activities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority; federal management of emergencies and natural disasters; activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; transportation, including civil aviation, railroads, water transportation, transportation safety, and transportation infrastructure, and the merchant marine; activities of the Department of Transportation.

Doug Ose, *Chairman*
Barbara Cubin
David Dreier
Bob Goodlatte
Mark Green
Felix Grucci
Kenny Hulshof
Darrell Issa

Joe Knollenberg
Jim Nussle
Todd Platts
Bob Schaffer
John Shadegg
Bob Stump
Nick Smith
Todd Tiahrt

Billy Tauzin
J.C. Watts
Roger Wicker

Health: Health and health facilities, both public and private; healthcare tax policy; the Medicare and Medicaid programs; healthcare activities of the Department of Health and Human Services; activities of the National Institutes of Health.

Ernie Fletcher, <i>Chairman</i>	Denny Hastert	Bill Thomas
Dick Armey	Kenny Hulshof	Pat Toomey
Shelley Moore Capito	Deborah Pryce	Billy Tauzin
Barbara Cubin	John Shadegg	David Vitter
David Dreier	Cliff Stearns	Dave Weldon

National Security and Foreign Affairs: Common defense; activities of the Defense Department; activities of the Intelligence Community; military applications of nuclear energy; national security activities of the Department of Energy; pay, promotion, retirement, and other benefits of members of the armed forces; national security research and development; export policy and controls related to national security; international financial and economic policy and international financial and monetary organizations; foreign relations of the United States; activities of the Department of State; promotion of democracy and human rights; relations with NATO and other allied nations; the United Nations; veteran's affairs and the activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Heather Wilson, <i>Chairman</i>	Henry Hyde	John Sununu
Shelley Moore Capito	Brian Kerns	Todd Tiahrt
Ander Crenshaw	Joe Knollenberg	Pat Toomey
Tom DeLay	Ron Lewis	David Vitter
Lincoln Diaz-Balart	Todd Platts	J.C. Watts
Vito Fossella	Bob Schaffer	Roger Wicker
Mark Green	Floyd Spence	Bill Young
Benjamin Gilman	Bob Stump	

Political, Educational, and Legal Reform: Reform of the civil justice system; tort reform; campaign and election reform; budget and legislative process reform; consumer protection; comprehensive review and repeal of outdated, duplicative, and anachronistic laws and regulations; governmental reform and streamlining, including administration of justice; civil rights and civil liberties; immigration and naturalization; activities of the Department of Justice; activities of the Department of Education; activities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

David Vitter, <i>Chairman</i>	Mark Green	Rob Portman
Dick Armey	Denny Hastert	Deborah Pryce
Tom Davis	Henry Hyde	Bob Schaffer
Tom DeLay	Brian Kerns	John Shadegg
Lincoln Diaz-Balart	Ron Lewis	Bill Thomas
Bob Goodlatte	Jim Nussle	

Retirement Security, Capital Markets, and Tax Policy: Tax policy; public debt; capital markets; banks and banking; insurance; securities and commodities exchanges; real estate; Social Security and activities of the Social Security Administration; economic policy; international trade; labor law and policy; activities of the Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board; activities of the Department of Treasury; activities of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; activities of the Federal Reserve System.

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Also today, Chairman Cox announce a new role for the Congressional Policy Advisory Board, which has operated since 1997. The Policy Advisory Board counted among its members Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld, National Economic Council Director Lawrence Lindsey, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and several others who have joined or will soon join the Bush Administration. With the Policy Advisory Board no longer serving the function of a Republican government-in-waiting, a new structure is being adopted. Seven new policy advisory boards, each devoted to the specialized topics of a subcommittee, will work with each of the seven subcommittees. Board members will include academics, analysts, industry experts, consumers, and other citizens who can provide expertise in each area of proposed federal legislation.

“CPAB members were instrumental in designing President Bush’s program, and will now have the opportunity to help implement those initiatives,” Chairman Cox said. “The new Advisory Boards can be expected to attract similarly thoughtful, effective, and mature individuals to help Congress make the right policy choices.”

Service on the new issue-specific Congressional Policy Advisory Boards will remain on a volunteer basis. Chairman Cox, working with the subcommittee chairmen, will make appointments based on recommendations from Policy Committee members.

More information on the Committee is available at <http://policy.house.gov>.

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